



# Law Training Centre Scholarship Application Guidance

## Access to Law: SQE Prep Scholarship

This document provides important information relating to the application and assessment process for the Access to Law SQE Scholarship.

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At Law Training Centre we are avid supporters and advocates of social mobility and increased diversity within the legal profession. Our mission is to break down traditional barriers that exist, preventing learners from accessing a legal education. Our goal is to widen access to careers within law and creating a legal market that is diverse, flexible, multi-skilled, and reflective of current market demands.

The Access to Law Scholarship has been created to support the future legal professionals from all backgrounds, who would have otherwise been unable to study law.

Please ensure you have read and understood this guidance in full, before completing and returning your application for the Access to Law: SQE Prep Scholarship.

### 1 What is the SQE?

- 1.1.** The Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE) is a single, national licensing examination, which forms the new pathway to qualification as a Solicitor of England and Wales from 2021.

The four requirements to become a Solicitor through the SQE route are:

- Have a degree in any subject (**or equivalent qualification or work experience**);
- Pass both stages of the SQE assessment – SQE1 focuses on legal knowledge and SQE2 on practical legal skills;
- Have two years' **qualifying work experience (QWE)**;
- Pass the SRA's character and suitability requirements.

### 2 What SQE1 Preparation courses do we offer?

- 2.1.** SQE1 Prep Flexi-Learn by Law Training Centre is a fully online, comprehensive preparation course for both parts of the SQE1 assessment (Functioning Legal Knowledge 1 (FLK1) and Functioning Legal Knowledge 2 (FLK2). This course is recommended for those who require part-time study and/or does not have a recent UK law degree at 2:1 or above.
- 2.2.** SQE1 Prep Exam Track is a fully online, comprehensive preparation course for both parts of the SQE1 assessment. This course is recommended for those who have recently obtained a UK law degree with 2:1 or above, and/or have practice experience in a number of the areas studied on the SQE1.
- 2.3.** Our SQE1 Prep courses include:
- SQE1 Flexi Learn: Course access and support to all e-Learning materials and tutor support for up to 15-months (depending on enrolment date);
  - SQE1 Exam Track: Course access and support to all e-learning materials and tutor support for up to 7-months (depending on enrolment date);
  - On demand learning content: recorded lectures, e-learning materials and course notes;



- Unlimited attendance to weekly live workshops run by experts in each subject area;
- Recorded video workshops with over 300 mock questions to access at any time;
- Free access to Lexis+UK subscription;
- 1:1 Personal Academic Coach support to help you to stay on track;
- Downloadable study planner;
- Exam preparation kit;
- Over 800 mock questions, including 350 subject area mock questions, over 300 mock questions in recorded workshops, new mock questions in each weekly live workshop, and timed mock assessments;
- Passplus Guarantee – our fee includes the exclusive Passplus Guarantee. This guarantees students' course access and support for one additional attempt at the FLK1 and/or FLK2 assessment, if required, providing you have completed 90% of the course content before undertaking your assessment (excluding attendance at weekly live workshops).

**2.4.** The standard course fee for SQE1 Prep Flexi-Learn is £2,900 and for SQE1 Prep Exam Track is £2,700.

### 3 What is the SQE2 Prep Course?

- 3.1.** Once you have successfully passed or been exempted from the SQE1 Exam, you will be ready to enrol on our SQE2 prep course, designed by some of the best Legal Practitioners and Law Professors in the UK.
- 3.2.** Our fully flexible self-paced course is delivered by legal expert tutors, who use their exceptional wealth of practical experience to help equip you with the legal knowledge and applied legal skills you need to succeed in your SQE2 exam.
- 3.3** SQE2 Prep includes:
- Course access and support: up to 26 weeks access to all e-learning materials and tutor support (depending on enrolment date);
  - Extensive learning materials in the form of a responsive e-learning platform;
  - Unlimited attendance to workshops run by experts in each subject area;
  - A video library of workshops;
  - Recorded video lectures for key topics;
  - Written study materials, flashcards, and revision materials (online and downloadable);
  - Unlimited tutor support and your queries answered within 48 hours on working days;
  - Over 2000 self-test questions to assess understanding and recollection of the learning content within SQE1;
  - SQE2 Self-test questions and MCQs, case study questions, workshops with practice tasks and time mock assessments with personalised feedback;
  - Access Law Clinic: for eligible learners who have passed SQE1 and Law Training Centre's Foundations to Law Clinic Practice Course to apply for their chance to become a Law Clinic Associate within our partner Access Law Clinic and gain valuable practical experience;

- Employment opportunities: access to opportunities through our Legal Network Hub;
- Free access to LexisNexis Lexis+UK;
- Passplus Guarantee – Law Training Centre’s fees include the exclusive Passplus Guarantee. This guarantees students’ course access and support for one additional attempt, if required.

**3.4.** The standard course fee for SQE2 Prep is £2,900. An alumni concession of £500 is available for current and previous Law Training Centre learners who have completed either SQE1 Prep courses. However, please note that Scholarship funding is not available in conjunction with alumni concession.

## 4 What is the SQE1+2 Complete Prep for Law Graduates Course?

- 4.1.** Law Training Centres SQE1+2 Complete Prep for Law Graduates course contains all of the features of our SQE1 and SQE2 preparation courses. The course supports the finding of the 2022/23 annual report of the SQE produced by the SRA which highlights that of those who passed the SQE1 in January 2023 and went on to sit the SQE2 in April 2023 (the next assessment window), the pass rate was 90%, which was higher than the overall pass rate for that assessment (80%).
- 4.2.** This is a fully online, comprehensive preparation course for both parts of the SQE1 assessment, and is delivered by legal expert tutors, who use their exceptional wealth of practical experience to help equip you with the legal knowledge and applied legal skills you need to succeed in your SQE1 and SQE2 exams.
- 4.3.** SQE1+2 Complete Prep for Law Graduates includes:
- Course access and support: up to 60 weeks access to all e-learning materials and tutor support (depending on enrolment date);
  - On demand learning content: recorded lectures, e-learning materials and course notes;
  - Unlimited attendance to weekly live workshops run by experts in each subject area;
  - Recorded video workshops with over 300 mock questions to access at any time;
  - Free access to **Lexis+UK subscription**;
  - 1:1 Personal Academic Coach support to help you to stay on track;
  - Downloadable study planner;
  - Exam preparation kit;
  - SQE1: Over 800 mock questions, including 350 subject area mock questions, over 300 mock questions in recorded workshops, new mock questions in each weekly live workshop, and timed mock assessments;
  - SQE2: Self-assessed case study questions for SQE2 Skills practice across oral and written skills, and time mock assessments with personalised oral and written feedback;
  - Passplus Guarantee – our fee includes the exclusive Passplus Guarantee. This guarantees students’ course access and support for one additional attempt at the FLK1/FLK2/SQE2 assessments (where applicable to your selected course), if required, providing you have completed 90% of the course content before undertaking your assessment (excluding attendance at weekly live workshops).

- 4.4. The standard course fee for SQE1+2 Complete Prep for Law Graduates is £4,900.

## 5 What is the Access to Law: SQE Prep Scholarship?

- 5.1. The Access to Law: SQE Prep Scholarship offers Law Training Centre learners the opportunity to have £1,000 of their fees funded by the scholarship for one of the following courses:
- SQE1 Flexi Learn;
  - SQE1 Exam Track;
  - SQE2 Prep (Please note, the scholarship cannot be used in conjunction with the alumni concession);
  - SQE1+2 Complete Prep for Law Graduates.
- 5.2. Full access to the agreed SQE Preparation course will be granted to successful applicants (upon receipt of full or initial payment of remaining tuition fee).
- 5.3. Successful applicants will also receive a certificate of achievement upon completion of their course respectively, demonstrating their achievement in being awarded an academic scholarship.

## 6 How does the Access to Law: SQE Prep Scholarship work?

- 6.1. The Access to Law: SQE Prep Scholarship aim to increase social mobility and diversity in the legal profession, and to widen access to a legal career. Applications are considered based on personal circumstances and financial eligibility as well other factors including but not limited to prior academic and professional dedication and experience
- 6.2. **Personal circumstances:** To be eligible to apply for the Access to Law Scholarship you must meet at least one of the following criteria related to your personal circumstances listed below.
- You identify as part of a demographic/group that are under-represented within the legal profession.
  - You are from a lower socio-economic background
  - You are employed in legal aid or pro bono work. For example in a legal aid department in a law firm, or in a law centre or citizens advice.
  - You are unable or have been previously unable to attend full time education or training due to work commitments, personal difficulties, caring responsibilities or health challenges.
- 6.3. **Financial circumstances:** Applicants will be required to demonstrate that their financial circumstances are such that access to a legal education would not be possible without the assistance from the Access to Law: SQE Prep Scholarship.
- 6.4. Applicants must also detail their prior education and work experience, as well as their progression on the SQE pathway at the point of application.

- 6.5.** All applications must be supported by a personal statement explaining why we should accept your application for your chose scholarship. This must include:
- Explanation of how the eligibility criteria on which your application is based on applies to you
  - Your passion and commitment to qualifying as a solicitor through the SQE route
  - How you will your studies into their everyday life to achieve the qualification
- 6.6.** The scholarship award only applies to Law Training Centre's SQE Preparation courses, and therefore excludes SQE exam fees, which will be payable directly to the SRA by the student.

## 7 How to apply

- 7.1.** We recommend applicants familiarise themselves with Law Training Centre's Application Guidance prior to completion of their application.
- 7.2.** Applicants must complete their application form and return to [scholarships@ltckent.co.uk](mailto:scholarships@ltckent.co.uk).
- 7.3.** You must apply during the application opening window. For specific dates, please visit our [website](#).

## 8 How applications are assessed

- 8.1.** Applications will be assessed once the application window closes.
- 8.2.** To be successful, applicants need only meet **one** of the criteria referenced in point 4.1.
- 8.3.** All applications are assessed by the Law Training Centre Scholarships Team to consider the overall circumstances and information provided by the applicant, and confirm that the applicant has adequately demonstrated that their access to a legal education would not be possible without the assistance from the Access to Law: SQE Prep Scholarship.
- 8.4.** Eligible applications will then be considered by the Academic Board, who will make a holistic assessment of the applicant's eligibility, as well other factors including but not limited to prior academic and professional dedication and achievement.
- 8.5.** The Law Training Centre Scholarships Team and Academic Board reserve the right to exercise discretion with regards to what constitutes adequate demonstration of an applicant's need to access the scholarship.
- 8.6.** Applicants will receive the result of their application within 1-month of the application being submitted.
- 8.7.** Failure to make initial payment towards the remaining balance of tuition within the time frame outlined on the website will result in the scholarship offer being withdrawn.

## 9 When to apply

- 9.1. Candidates can apply during the application windows specified on our [website](#).
- 9.2. Law Training Centre retain the right to extend or close the application window early.

## 10 Payment of remaining tuition balance

- 10.1. Successful applicants will be required to make an initial payment towards the remaining balance of their tuition within 1-month of the SQE Preparation course start date in order to secure their funding.
- 10.2. Failure to make such initial payment will result in the scholarship offer being withdrawn.
- 10.3. Candidates can select to pay the remaining balance for the course either in full or via interest free instalments (instalments subject to a £ 79 admin fee).

## 11 Changes to study

- 11.1. If a successful candidate is awarded a Scholarship but later decides to change course, the SQE Scholarship funding will be withdrawn. This may result in the learner being liable for additional fees.
- 11.2. If a successful candidate is awarded a Scholarship but is then suspended or withdraws from their SQE Preparation course, Scholarship funding will be withdrawn. This may result in the learner being liable for additional fees.

## 12 Appeals

- 12.1. The decision of Law Training Centre's Scholarships Team and Academic Board on the interpretation of eligibility is final and there is no right of appeal

## 13 Use of data

- 13.1. Please refer to section 10 of Law Training Centre's [Terms and Conditions](#).